

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE STATION #126

Santa Clarita, California



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**Client:** Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
**Fire Chief:** P. Michael Freeman  
**Project Area:** 17,000 sq. ft.  
**Total Cost:** \$3,400,000  
**Cost Per Square Foot:** \$200  
**Completion Date:** May 2003

Located in the Civic Center of Santa Clarita, Calif., Fire Station #126 provides not only fire service for this city, but also serves as the North Operations Bureau for the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Designed as a main headquarters, it includes accommodations for a battalion chief, 10 firefighters and paramedics, as well as a deputy chief and staff.

Architectural elements are coordinated to provide the scale and stature of a true civic building. A mix of colored burnished concrete masonry anchors the building walls, colored plaster provides an accent and the terra cotta roof relates to the community theme.

Station offices and other active areas are separated from the quiet dormitory areas by the drive through apparatus room. This room has an exposed steel structure, mechanical ducts, diesel exhaust system and suspended

light fixtures, with electrical bi-fold doors at each end. Large windows and skylights provide ample daylight for all building areas. In the dormitory, sleeping cubicles and single bathrooms ensure privacy.

Outside, under a protective canopy, fuel is dispensed from an above-ground fuel tank designed to contain fuel spills. Nearby is a storage building and motorized hose tower.

